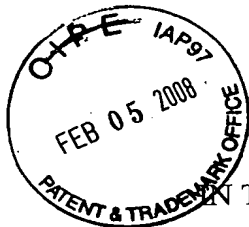


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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of

Noboru YAMAMOTO

Group Art Unit: 2155

Application No.: 10/511,683

Examiner: T. NGUYEN

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For: PARALLEL MERGE/SORT PROCESSING DEVICE, METHOD, AND PROGRAM  
FOR SORTING DATA STRINGS (AS AMENDED)

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the November 16, 2007 Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**